

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Peter S. Cartwright

Serial No. : 10/587,955 Examiner: K. Zalasky

Filed : July 31, 2006 Group Art Unit: 1797

For : BRINE-CONSERVING NANOFILTRATION WATER SOFTENER  
SYSTEM

Docket No. : 19583/101/101

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on May 8, 2009, Applicant(s) hereby elects to prosecute Group I claims (that is, Claims 1-9 and 17) drawn to a process for regenerating a water softening system in the present application. Applicant withdraws Group II claims (that is, Claims 10-16) drawn to a water softening system. Applicant reserves the right to re-present these claims in one or more appropriately filed divisional applications.

Please charge any deficiencies or credit any over payment to  
Deposit Account 14-0620.

Respectfully submitted,

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By his attorney

Date June 4, 2009

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